

The Office Action has stated that claims 52-56 are Markush type claims reading on independent and distinct inventions. Accordingly, the Office Action requires that Applicant provisionally elect a single disclosed and claimed species. However, as claims 52-56 have been canceled without prejudice, thus the present rejection is rendered moot.

In view of the present amendment and foregoing remarks, reconsideration of the rejections and advancement of the case to issue are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or credit any overpayment in connection with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 11-1449.



Respectfully submitted,

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